

# "Miracles of Faith"

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## **From the Desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:**

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We have the opportunity to show our loyalty on two different special days during this month. June 14<sup>th</sup> is Flag Day. Our flag represents the history of our country and deserves to be honored. Let us not forget to also honor our Fathers on this Father's Day, June 17<sup>th</sup>. He is often gone too soon and you will not be able to show him your love and appreciation.

The Homecoming reception was fantastic!! Thank you Districts 10 and 14 for all the hard work and planning in preparation and carrying out those plans. A special thank you to the two deputies, Jackie Dowden and Maggie Shivers. It was a humbling experience to see so many of you there and having great fellowship.

The committee that I am highlighting this month is the Finance Committee. They are John Wayne Harrist, PGP, GGCCM, Chairman(1 yr.); Terrie C. Castay, PGM(2yrs.); Edward Lamkin, PGP(3yrs).

Thank you, Sisters and Brothers, for your interest and support in attending the Special Session held in Alexandria for the installation of our new Grand Treasurer. There were 44 chapters represented from all 15 districts. It was heart warming to look out and see members from all parts of the state come together in unity.

I would like for the secretaries to read the resolutions in the chapter when they receive them during the year. The membership needs to know the subject matter so they can inform themselves of all the particulars involved. When we wait to read them in the March meeting, we do not have enough time to process all the information to make an informed decision.

Our General Grand Chapter Committee Members have worked tirelessly for the Most Worthy Grand Matron's projects and we want to support them in every way we can. Their term will end in November of this year. This means that the books of General Grand Chapter will have to close by September. If your chapter has collected money that is allocated to these three projects or wish to make a contribution, please go ahead and send it to the Grand Secretary now or before August 31<sup>st</sup>. You should feel free to continue to collect for these projects because it will still go to these charities.

The Official Visits will begin on June 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Worthy Grand Patron's district. I am looking forward to the fellowship we will enjoy in each district.

Remember, we walk by faith and not by sight

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**Upcoming events:**

**June 6-9** – Demolay Conclave, Woodworth.

**June 8-9** – Rainbow Assemble, Kenner.

**June 16** – MS/LA Exchange, Natchez

**June 23** – District 14 Official Visit, Meal 1:30 PM, Receiving line 2:30 PM, Meeting 3:00 PM, 1029 Bayou Black, Houma.

**June 30-July 1** – Grand Lodge, Alexandria Riverfront Convention Center.

**July 7** – District 8 Official Visit, Meal 2:00 PM; Meeting 3:00 PM, Shrine Building at West Louisiana Forestry Festival Fairgrounds, 276 HM Stevens Blvd, Leesville, (West off Hwy 171 on Hwy 8 [Nolan Trace]). Ice Cream Social after to honor District 8 GGCCM, Joy Beth Williams, and the Grand Officers, Pamela Gill, PGM, Grand Secretary and Jeanette Bailey, Grand Martha. DDGM: Judy Sanders, Phone: 985-735-0532.

**July 8** - District 7 Official Visit, Coffee and light refreshments at 1:00 PM, Meeting at 2:00 PM at Kees Park Community Center, 2450 Hwy 28 E, Pineville. Church Services at Pineville Park Baptist Church Sunday Morning at 10:45 AM, 2455 Hwy 28 E. Adults are available to watch kids in Park if needed; please RSVP for the child care. DDGM, Lea Ann Fisher, Phone 225-931-7294, Email" lahawkins2@gmail.com.

**July 20-21** – Multi State, Macon, Georgia Information website. (laoes.org)

**July 28** - Mark your calendars! A state-wide fundraiser is being planned for Support Our First Responders at the Shrine Club on the Fairgrounds in Leesville. Plan on enjoying a table decoration contest, fun games, and entertainment along with meal. More information to come.

**July 29** – District 13 Official Visit, Meal 1:00 PM; Meeting 2:00 PM, Center Lodge, 344 Masonic Drive, Bogalusa; Paula Sue Stewart, Housing Chairman, Home phone 985-735-6493, Cell 985-516-4847; Worship together-Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, 208 Mt. Pleasant Lane.

**August 4** – District 2 Official Visit, 3:00 PM, TBA

**August 5** – District 5 Official Visit, 2:00 PM, TBA

**September 1** – District 1 Official Visit, TBA

**September 2** – District 2 Official Visit, TBA

**September 15** – Mid-Year Meeting, Alexandria

**September 15** – District 9 Official Visit, TBA

**September 17-22** – Pigeon Forge & Smoky Mountain Show Trip, \$595.00 per person based on double occupancy. See your chapter secretary for flyer and booking form or email the Worthy Grand Matron at [mabsh@ktctelecom.net](mailto:mabsh@ktctelecom.net).

**September 29** – District 4 Official Visit, TBA

**September 30** – District 6 Official Visit, TBA

**General Grand Chapter Triennial Assembly**, October 25-November 22, 2018. For those attending, there will be a breakfast Wednesday (24<sup>th</sup>) at 7:00 AM honoring our 2015-2018 GGCCM Appointees and Harless Creech, PMWGP. The tickets will \$30.00 and can be ordered through the Grand Secretary, Pamela Gill, P.O. Box 1229, DeRidder, LA 70634-1229 with checks made payable to The Grand Chapter.

Also, the membership in the state is invited to send a love gift to our 2015 – 2018 appointments to show their appreciation for all of the hard work they have done or will do at General Grand in Orlando. Please note in the memo of your check GGCM Love Gift.

**Appreciations:**

As I attended the Special Grand Chapter Session at which time Sister Martha Jo Schexneider was installed as Grand Treasurer, I started reflecting on my time serving as Grand Treasurer. Those years were wonderful. I thank this Grand Chapter and its members for the opportunity of serving. Through this note I want to communicate to each of you my gratitude for all the love and support given to me. Sister Jo, you have my heartfelt congratulations on being installed as Grand Treasurer. I know that you will meet the challenges this office brings with great capability. God Bless our Order.

Respectfully, Fran Slay, PM

“The Biomedical Research Foundation is so pleased to have had the support of the Order of the Eastern Star of Louisiana for 10 Years. Thank you for the Chapter’s continued support of the Biomedical Research Foundation’s mission. Your donation of \$2,437.81 for this year is greatly appreciated.” Jay D. Myers, Vice President External Affairs.

**Grand Representative Appointments:**

New Hampshire, Danny Dowden, 1221 Andrew Houhot Rd, Ragley 70633-6220, Expires 9/1/2019

Texas, Shirley Leggett, 4121 College Drive, Jackson, 70748, Expires 3/20/2020

**FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY:**

**ROSTER UPDATES:**

Page 11, Linda Lamkin is a PGM

**Received from the Subordinate Chapters:**

April 16, Nova Stella #36 Suspended Julie Saucier, NPD

Rebecca #2 Suspended Mark Mouton, Loss of Masonic Affiliation

March 15, 2018, Esther #26 Suspended Heather Kasee, NPD

**Disposition of Resolutions at Grand Chapter:**

Resolution #1, Was not Received  
Resolution #2, Passed  
Resolution #3, Passed

Resolution #4, Was Withdrawn  
Resolution #5, Passed  
Resolution #6, Passed

<<<<<<<<< AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE >>>>>>>>>

General Grand Chapter is getting ready for the Triennium and the printing of new Rituals. They are trying to liquidate their inventory and have temporarily placed the Rituals on sale. They are approximately half price. If you purchase one now, you might need stickers after the Triennium; so keep that in mind. The stickers usually run from \$3 to \$5.

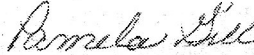
These are full prices:

Small Print, Hardbound, Black or Green \$19.00  
Large Print, Hardbound, Navy, Maroon, or White \$23.00  
Large Print, Spiral Bound, Navy, Maroon, or White \$25.00  
Extra Large Print, Spiral Bound, Tan \$33.00

Revised Book of Instruction, \$1.75  
Rosters, 2018-2019, \$1.50

Secretaries and Members, Please make all checks payable to **The Grand Chapter**. Thank you.

Fraternally,



Pamela Gill, PGM  
Grand Secretary

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